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**By** Senate Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Palumbo, Rolfes, Frockt, McCoy, Wellman, Lias, Pedersen, Darneille, Dhingra, Van De Wege, Hunt, Wilson, C., Keiser, and Kuderer; by request of Office of the Governor)

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide free college program  
2 by changing the state need grant to the Washington college promise  
3 scholarship; amending RCW 28B.92.030, 43.88C.010, 28B.10.790,  
4 28B.12.030, 28B.92.040, 28B.92.065, 28B.15.065, 28B.15.740,  
5 28B.15.760, 28B.15.762, 28B.15.820, 28B.116.010, 28A.180.120,  
6 28B.76.502, 28B.76.525, 28B.76.526, 28B.76.540, 28B.76.699,  
7 28B.77.020, 28B.117.020, 28B.118.090, 28B.133.010, 28B.133.020, and  
8 28C.18.166; reenacting and amending RCW 28B.108.010, 28B.118.010,  
9 28B.145.010, and 28B.145.030; adding new sections to chapter 28B.92  
10 RCW; repealing RCW 28B.92.010, 28B.92.020, 28B.92.050, 28B.92.060,  
11 28B.92.080, 28B.92.082, 28B.92.084, 28B.119.005, 28B.119.010,  
12 28B.119.020, 28B.119.030, 28B.119.040, 28B.119.050, and 28B.119.900;  
13 and providing an effective date.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

15 **PART I**

16 **CREATES THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP**  
17 **PROGRAM TO REPLACE THE STATE NEED GRANT PROGRAM**

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
19 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) The legislature finds that individuals with a postsecondary  
2 credential have a greater chance of earning a wage that can support  
3 themselves and their families than if they do not obtain a  
4 postsecondary credential. At the same time, Washington employers are  
5 in need of many more individuals who possess postsecondary  
6 qualifications. Access to postsecondary opportunities are vital to  
7 ensure that more Washington high school graduates and working adults  
8 can enter and complete a postsecondary program and compete for the  
9 job opportunities available in the state.

10 (2) The legislature further finds that a statewide free college  
11 program, for students who demonstrate financial need as defined in  
12 section 3 of this act, is necessary to significantly reduce the  
13 financial costs of obtaining a postsecondary credential. The  
14 Washington college promise scholarship program is intended to  
15 increase access to postsecondary opportunities for Washington  
16 residents.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
18 RCW to read as follows:

19 (1) The Washington college promise scholarship program is created  
20 to provide a statewide free college program for eligible participants  
21 and greater access to postsecondary education for Washington  
22 residents. The Washington college promise scholarship program is  
23 intended to increase the number of high school graduates and adults  
24 that can attain a postsecondary credential and provide them with the  
25 qualifications needed to compete for job opportunities in Washington.

26 (2) The office of student financial assistance shall implement  
27 and administer the Washington college promise scholarship program and  
28 is authorized to establish rules necessary for implementation of the  
29 program.

30 (3) The legislature shall appropriate funding for the Washington  
31 college promise scholarship program for eligible students whose  
32 family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of the federal  
33 poverty level, as published annually by the federal department of  
34 health and human services. Allocations must be made on the basis of  
35 estimated eligible participants enrolled in eligible institutions of  
36 higher education or apprenticeship programs. All eligible students  
37 whose family income is at or below one hundred ten percent of the  
38 federal poverty level, as published annually by the federal

1 department of health and human services are entitled to a Washington  
2 college promise scholarship.

3 (4) The office shall award Washington college promise  
4 scholarships to all eligible students whose family income is at or  
5 below one hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level, as  
6 published annually by the federal department of health and human  
7 services beginning in academic year 2021-22.

8 (5) To be eligible for the Washington college promise  
9 scholarship, students must meet the following requirements:

10 (a) Demonstrate financial need under section 3 of this act;

11 (b) (i) Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment for at least three  
12 quarter credits or the equivalent semester credits at an institution  
13 of higher education in Washington as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; or

14 (ii) Be enrolled in a registered apprenticeship program approved  
15 under chapter 49.04 RCW;

16 (c) (i) Be a resident student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a)  
17 through (e); or

18 (ii) Be a student who has:

19 (A) Completed the full senior year of high school and obtained a  
20 high school diploma, or the equivalent, either at a Washington public  
21 high school or private high school approved under chapter 28A.195  
22 RCW;

23 (B) Lived in Washington state for at least three years  
24 immediately before receiving the diploma or its equivalent;

25 (C) Continuously lived in Washington state after receiving the  
26 diploma or its equivalent and until such time as the individual is  
27 admitted to an eligible institution of higher education; and

28 (D) Been granted deferred action for childhood arrival status  
29 pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the United States  
30 citizenship and immigration services;

31 (d) File an annual application for financial aid as approved by  
32 the office; and

33 (e) Must not have earned a baccalaureate degree or higher from a  
34 postsecondary institution.

35 (6) Washington college promise scholarship eligibility may not  
36 extend beyond five years or one hundred twenty-five percent of the  
37 published length of the program in which the student is enrolled or  
38 the credit or clock-hour equivalent.

39 (7) Institutional aid administrators shall determine whether a  
40 student eligible for the Washington college promise scholarship in a

1 given academic year may remain eligible for the ensuing year if the  
2 student's family income increases by no more than three percent.

3 (8) Qualifications for receipt and renewal include maintaining  
4 satisfactory academic progress toward completion of an eligible  
5 program as determined by the office and established in rule.

6 (9) Should a recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any  
7 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the  
8 scholarship shall be returned to the state educational grant fund by  
9 the institution of higher education according to the institution of  
10 higher education's policy for issuing refunds, except as provided in  
11 RCW 28B.92.070.

12 (10) An eligible student enrolled on a part-time basis shall  
13 receive a prorated portion of the Washington college promise  
14 scholarship for any academic period in which he or she is enrolled on  
15 a part-time basis.

16 (11) The Washington college promise scholarship is intended to be  
17 used to meet the costs of postsecondary education for students with  
18 financial need. The student shall be awarded all need-based financial  
19 aid for which the student qualifies as determined by the institution.

20 (12) Students and participating institutions of higher education  
21 shall comply with all the rules adopted by the council for the  
22 administration of this chapter.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
24 RCW to read as follows:

25 (1) In addition to other eligibility requirements outlined in  
26 this chapter, students who demonstrate financial need are eligible to  
27 receive the Washington college promise scholarship. For the purposes  
28 of this act, students who demonstrate financial need are students  
29 with family incomes at or below seventy percent of the state median  
30 family income, adjusted for family size.

31 (2) Students with family incomes at or below one hundred ten  
32 percent of the federal poverty level, as published annually by the  
33 federal department of health and human services, shall receive the  
34 maximum Washington college promise scholarship award as defined in  
35 RCW 28B.92.030. Awards for students with incomes above one hundred  
36 ten percent of the federal poverty level, as published annually by  
37 the federal department of health and human services, and below  
38 seventy percent of the state median family income are subject to  
39 amounts appropriated and shall be prorated at the following

1 percentages of the maximum Washington college promise scholarship  
2 award as defined in RCW 28B.92.030:

3 (a) One hundred percent for students with family incomes above  
4 one hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level, as published  
5 annually by the federal department of health and human services, but  
6 at or below fifty percent of the state median family income;

7 (b) Seventy percent for students with family incomes between  
8 fifty-one and fifty-five percent of the state median family income;

9 (c) Sixty-five percent for students with family incomes between  
10 fifty-six and sixty percent of the state median family income;

11 (d) Sixty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
12 one and sixty-five percent of the state median family income; and

13 (e) Fifty percent for students with family incomes between sixty-  
14 six and seventy percent of the state median family income.

15 **Sec. 4.** RCW 28B.92.030 and 2013 c 248 s 2 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 As used in this chapter:

18 (1) "Council" means the student achievement council.

19 (2) (~~"Disadvantaged student" means a posthigh school student who~~  
20 ~~by reason of adverse cultural, educational, environmental,~~  
21 ~~experiential, familial or other circumstances is unable to qualify~~  
22 ~~for enrollment as a full-time student in an institution of higher~~  
23 ~~education, who would otherwise qualify as a needy student, and who is~~  
24 ~~attending an institution of higher education under an established~~  
25 ~~program designed to qualify the student for enrollment as a full-time~~  
26 ~~student.~~

27 ~~(3))~~ "Financial aid" means loans and/or grants to ~~((needy))~~  
28 students who demonstrate financial need enrolled or accepted for  
29 enrollment as a student at institutions of higher education.

30 (3) "Financial need" means a demonstrated financial inability to  
31 bear the total cost of education as directed in rule by the office.

32 (4) "Institution" or "institutions of higher education" means:

33 (a) Any public university, college, community college, or  
34 technical college operated by the state of Washington or any  
35 political subdivision thereof; or

36 (b) Any other university, college, school, or institute in the  
37 state of Washington offering instruction beyond the high school level  
38 that is a member institution of an accrediting association recognized  
39 by rule of the council for the purposes of this section and that

1 agrees to and complies with program rules adopted pursuant to RCW  
2 28B.92.150. However, any institution, branch, extension or facility  
3 operating within the state of Washington that is affiliated with an  
4 institution operating in another state must be:

5 (i) A separately accredited member institution of any such  
6 accrediting association;

7 (ii) A branch of a member institution of an accrediting  
8 association recognized by rule of the council for purposes of this  
9 section, that is eligible for federal student financial aid  
10 assistance and has operated as a nonprofit college or university  
11 delivering on-site classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty  
12 consecutive years within the state of Washington, and has an annual  
13 enrollment of at least seven hundred full-time equivalent students;

14 (~~(iii)~~)

15 (iii) A nonprofit institution recognized by the state of  
16 Washington as provided in RCW 28B.77.240; or

17 (iv) An approved apprenticeship program under chapter 49.04 RCW.

18 (5) (~~("Needy student" means a posthigh school student of an  
19 institution of higher education who demonstrates to the office the  
20 financial inability, either through the student's parents, family  
21 and/or personally, to meet the total cost of board, room, books, and  
22 tuition and incidental fees for any semester or quarter. "Needy  
23 student" also means an opportunity internship graduate as defined by  
24 RCW 28C.18.162 who enrolls in a postsecondary program of study as  
25 defined in RCW 28C.18.162 within one year of high school  
26 graduation-.)~~) "Maximum Washington college promise scholarship award":

27 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of  
28 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, is tuition and  
29 estimated fees for fifteen quarter credit hours or the equivalent, as  
30 determined by the office, including operating fees, building fees,  
31 and services and activities fees.

32 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of  
33 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum  
34 Washington college promise scholarship award under (a) of this  
35 subsection, or individual institution tuition for fifteen quarter  
36 credit hours or the equivalent.

37 (c) For students attending two-year private institutions of  
38 higher education in Washington, is the lesser of the maximum  
39 Washington college promise scholarship award at a community or

1 technical college or individual institution tuition for fifteen  
2 quarter credit hours or the equivalent.

3 (d) For students attending approved apprenticeship programs, is  
4 tuition and fees, as determined by the office, in addition to  
5 required program supplies and equipment.

6 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

7 (~~(7) "Placebound student" means a student who (a) is unable to~~  
8 ~~complete a college program because of family or employment~~  
9 ~~commitments, health concerns, monetary inability, or other similar~~  
10 ~~factors; and (b) may be influenced by the receipt of an enhanced~~  
11 ~~student financial aid award to complete a baccalaureate degree at an~~  
12 ~~eligible institution.))~~

## 13 PART II

### 14 CASELOAD FORECAST

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.92  
16 RCW to read as follows:

17 The caseload forecast council shall estimate the anticipated  
18 caseload of the Washington college promise scholarship program and  
19 submit the caseload forecast as specified in RCW 43.88C.020.

20 **Sec. 6.** RCW 43.88C.010 and 2018 c 208 s 4 are each amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 (1) The caseload forecast council is hereby created. The council  
23 shall consist of two individuals appointed by the governor and four  
24 individuals, one of whom is appointed by the chairperson of each of  
25 the two largest political caucuses in the senate and house of  
26 representatives. The chair of the council shall be selected from  
27 among the four caucus appointees. The council may select such other  
28 officers as the members deem necessary.

29 (2) The council shall employ a caseload forecast supervisor to  
30 supervise the preparation of all caseload forecasts. As used in this  
31 chapter, "supervisor" means the caseload forecast supervisor.

32 (3) Approval by an affirmative vote of at least five members of  
33 the council is required for any decisions regarding employment of the  
34 supervisor. Employment of the supervisor shall terminate after each  
35 term of three years. At the end of the first year of each three-year  
36 term the council shall consider extension of the supervisor's term by  
37 one year. The council may fix the compensation of the supervisor. The

1 supervisor shall employ staff sufficient to accomplish the purposes  
2 of this section.

3 (4) The caseload forecast council shall oversee the preparation  
4 of and approve, by an affirmative vote of at least four members, the  
5 official state caseload forecasts prepared under RCW 43.88C.020. If  
6 the council is unable to approve a forecast before a date required in  
7 RCW 43.88C.020, the supervisor shall submit the forecast without  
8 approval and the forecast shall have the same effect as if approved  
9 by the council.

10 (5) A councilmember who does not cast an affirmative vote for  
11 approval of the official caseload forecast may request, and the  
12 supervisor shall provide, an alternative forecast based on  
13 assumptions specified by the member.

14 (6) Members of the caseload forecast council shall serve without  
15 additional compensation but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
16 in accordance with RCW 44.04.120 while attending sessions of the  
17 council or on official business authorized by the council.  
18 Nonlegislative members of the council shall be reimbursed for travel  
19 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

20 (7) "Caseload," as used in this chapter, means:

21 (a) The number of persons expected to meet entitlement  
22 requirements and require the services of public assistance programs,  
23 state correctional institutions, state correctional noninstitutional  
24 supervision, state institutions for juvenile offenders, the common  
25 school system, long-term care, medical assistance, foster care, and  
26 adoption support;

27 (b) The number of students who are eligible for the Washington  
28 college bound scholarship program and are expected to attend an  
29 institution of higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

30 (c) The number of students whose family income is at or below one  
31 hundred ten percent of the federal poverty level, as published  
32 annually by the federal department of health and human services, are  
33 eligible for the Washington college promise scholarship program under  
34 section 2 of this act, and are expected to attend an institution of  
35 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.92.030; and

36 (d) The number of children who are eligible, as defined in RCW  
37 43.216.505, to participate in, and the number of children actually  
38 served by, the early childhood education and assistance program.

1 (8) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the temporary  
2 assistance for needy families and the working connections child care  
3 programs as a courtesy.

4 (9) The caseload forecast council shall forecast youth  
5 participating in the extended foster care program pursuant to RCW  
6 74.13.031 separately from other children who are residing in foster  
7 care and who are under eighteen years of age.

8 (10) The caseload forecast council shall forecast the number of  
9 youth expected to receive behavioral rehabilitation services while  
10 involved in the foster care system and the number of screened in  
11 reports of child abuse or neglect.

12 (11) Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the  
13 definitions provided in RCW 43.88.020 apply to this chapter.

14 **PART III**

15 **UPDATING REFERENCES**

16 **Sec. 7.** RCW 28B.10.790 and 2012 c 229 s 518 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 Washington residents attending any nonprofit college or  
19 university in another state which has a reciprocity agreement with  
20 the state of Washington shall be eligible for the student financial  
21 aid program outlined in chapter 28B.92 RCW if:

22 (1) They qualify as a ("needy—student") student who  
23 demonstrates financial need as defined under RCW 28B.92.030(~~((4)7)~~);  
24 and

25 (2) The institution attended is a member institution of an  
26 accrediting association recognized by rule of the student achievement  
27 council for the purposes of this section and is specifically  
28 encompassed within or directly affected by such reciprocity agreement  
29 and agrees to and complies with program rules and regulations  
30 pertaining to such students and institutions adopted pursuant to RCW  
31 28B.92.150.

32 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28B.12.030 and 2017 c 52 s 1 are each amended to  
33 read as follows:

34 (~~(As used)~~) The definitions in this section apply throughout this  
35 chapter(~~(, the following words and terms shall have the following~~  
36 meanings,)) unless the context (~~(shall)~~) clearly (~~(indicate another~~  
37 ~~or different meaning or intent:)~~) requires otherwise.

1           (1) ~~((The term "needy student" shall mean a student enrolled or~~  
2 ~~accepted for enrollment at a postsecondary institution who, according~~  
3 ~~to a system of need analysis approved by the office of student~~  
4 ~~financial assistance, demonstrates a financial inability, either~~  
5 ~~parental, familial, or personal, to bear the total cost of education~~  
6 ~~for any semester or quarter.~~

7           ~~(2) The term)~~ "Eligible institution" ~~((shall))~~ means any  
8 postsecondary institution in this state accredited by the Northwest  
9 Association of Schools and Colleges, or a campus of a member  
10 institution of an accrediting association recognized by rule of the  
11 student achievement council for purposes of this section, that is  
12 eligible for federal student financial aid assistance and has  
13 operated as a nonprofit college or university delivering on-site  
14 classroom instruction for a minimum of twenty consecutive years  
15 within the state of Washington, or any public technical college in  
16 the state.

17           (2) "Financial need" has the same meaning as in RCW 28B.92.030.

18           **Sec. 9.** RCW 28B.92.040 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 160 are each  
19 amended to read as follows:

20           The office shall be cognizant of the following guidelines in the  
21 performance of its duties:

22           (1) The office shall be research oriented, not only at its  
23 inception but continually through its existence.

24           (2) The office shall coordinate all existing programs of  
25 financial aid except those specifically dedicated to a particular  
26 institution by the donor.

27           (3) The office shall take the initiative and responsibility for  
28 coordinating all federal student financial aid programs to ensure  
29 that the state recognizes the maximum potential effect of these  
30 programs, and shall design state programs that complement existing  
31 federal, state, and institutional programs. ~~((The office shall ensure  
32 that state programs continue to follow the principle that state  
33 financial aid funding follows the student to the student's choice of  
34 institution of higher education.))~~

35           (4) Counseling is a paramount function of the ~~((state need  
36 grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship program and other  
37 state student financial aid programs, and in most cases could only be  
38 properly implemented at the institutional levels; therefore, state  
39 student financial aid programs shall be concerned with the attainment

1 of those goals which, in the judgment of the office, are the reasons  
2 for the existence of a student financial aid program, and not solely  
3 with administration of the program on an individual basis.

4 (5) The "package" approach of combining loans, grants and  
5 employment for student financial aid shall be the conceptual element  
6 of the state's involvement.

7 (6) The office shall ensure that allocations of state  
8 appropriations for financial aid are made to individuals and  
9 institutions in a timely manner and shall closely monitor  
10 expenditures to avoid under or overexpenditure of appropriated funds.

11 **Sec. 10.** RCW 28B.92.065 and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 36 s 4 are each  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Beginning with the 2015-2017 omnibus appropriations act and each  
14 biennium thereafter, reductions in tuition levels resulting from  
15 section 3, chapter 36, Laws of 2015 3rd sp. sess. will allow the  
16 legislature to reduce (~~(state need grant)~~) Washington college promise  
17 scholarship program appropriations by an equal amount from the  
18 2013-2015 fiscal biennium amounts. The legislature does not intend to  
19 reduce award levels for private colleges and universities below the  
20 2014-15 academic year levels.

21 (~~(By reducing the overall cost of tuition, the legislature in~~  
22 ~~future biennia is better able and intends to serve those students~~  
23 ~~currently eligible but unserved in the state need grant.))~~)

24 **Sec. 11.** RCW 28B.15.065 and 1977 ex.s. c 322 s 6 are each  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 It is the intent of the legislature that (~~(needy)~~) students who  
27 demonstrate financial need not be deprived of access to higher  
28 education due to increases in educational costs or consequent  
29 increases in tuition and fees. It is the sense of the legislature  
30 that state appropriations for student financial aid be adjusted in an  
31 amount which together with funds estimated to be available in the  
32 form of basic educational opportunity grants as authorized under  
33 Section 411 of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965 as now or  
34 hereafter amended will equal twenty-four percent of any change in  
35 revenue estimated to occur as a result of revisions in tuition and  
36 fee levels under the provisions of chapter 322, Laws of 1977 ex.  
37 sess.

1       **Sec. 12.** RCW 28B.15.740 and 2015 c 55 s 223 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) Subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing  
4 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The  
5 Evergreen State College, and the community and technical colleges may  
6 waive all or a portion of tuition and fees for (~~needy~~) students who  
7 demonstrate financial need and are eligible for resident tuition and  
8 fee rates pursuant to RCW 28B.15.012 and 28B.15.013. Subject to the  
9 limitations of RCW 28B.15.910, the governing boards of the state  
10 universities, the regional universities, The Evergreen State College,  
11 and the community and technical colleges may waive all or a portion  
12 of tuition and fees for other students at the discretion of the  
13 governing boards, except on the basis of participation in  
14 intercollegiate athletic programs, not to exceed three-fourths of one  
15 percent of gross authorized operating fees revenue under RCW  
16 28B.15.910 for the community and technical colleges considered as a  
17 whole and not to exceed two percent of gross authorized operating  
18 fees revenue for the other institutions of higher education.

19       (2) In addition to the tuition and fee waivers provided in  
20 subsection (1) of this section and subject to the provisions of RCW  
21 28B.15.455, 28B.15.460, and 28B.15.910, a total dollar amount of  
22 tuition and fee waivers awarded by any state university, regional  
23 university, or state college under this chapter, not to exceed one  
24 percent, as calculated in subsection (1) of this section, may be used  
25 for the purpose of achieving or maintaining gender equity in  
26 intercollegiate athletic programs. At any institution that has an  
27 underrepresented gender class in intercollegiate athletics, any such  
28 waivers shall be awarded:

29       (a) First, to members of the underrepresented gender class who  
30 participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such waivers result  
31 in saved or displaced money that can be used for athletic programs  
32 for the underrepresented gender class. Such saved or displaced money  
33 shall be used for programs for the underrepresented gender class; and

34       (b) Second, (i) to nonmembers of the underrepresented gender  
35 class who participate in intercollegiate athletics, where such  
36 waivers result in saved or displaced money that can be used for  
37 athletic programs for members of the underrepresented gender class.  
38 Such saved or displaced money shall be used for programs for the  
39 underrepresented gender class; or (ii) to members of the  
40 underrepresented gender class who participate in intercollegiate

1 athletics, where such waivers do not result in any saved or displaced  
2 money that can be used for athletic programs for members of the  
3 underrepresented gender class.

4 **Sec. 13.** RCW 28B.15.760 and 2012 c 229 s 528 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
7 this section apply throughout RCW 28B.15.762 and 28B.15.764.

8 (1) "Borrower" means an eligible student who has received a loan  
9 under RCW 28B.15.762.

10 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

11 (3) "Eligible student" means a student registered for at least  
12 ten credit hours or the equivalent and demonstrates achievement of a  
13 3.00 grade point average for each academic year, who is a resident  
14 student as defined by RCW 28B.15.012 through 28B.15.015, who is a  
15 (~~"needy~~) student(~~"~~) who demonstrates financial need as defined in  
16 RCW 28B.92.030, and who has a declared major in a program leading to  
17 a degree in teacher education in a field of science or mathematics,  
18 or a certificated teacher who meets the same credit hour and (~~"needy~~  
19 ~~student"~~) financial eligibility requirements and is seeking an  
20 additional degree in science or mathematics.

21 (4) "Forgiven" or "to forgive" means to collect service as a  
22 teacher in a field of science or mathematics at a public school in  
23 the state of Washington in lieu of monetary payment.

24 (5) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a  
25 college or university in the state of Washington which is a member  
26 institution of an accrediting association recognized as such by rule  
27 of the council.

28 (6) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

29 (7) "Public school" means a middle school, junior high school, or  
30 high school within the public school system referred to in Article IX  
31 of the state Constitution.

32 (8) "Satisfied" means paid-in-full.

33 **Sec. 14.** RCW 28B.15.762 and 2012 c 229 s 529 are each amended to  
34 read as follows:

35 (1) The council may make long-term loans to eligible students at  
36 institutions of higher education from the funds appropriated to the  
37 council for this purpose. The amount of any such loan shall not  
38 exceed the demonstrated financial need of the student or two thousand

1 five hundred dollars for each academic year whichever is less, and  
2 the total amount of such loans to an eligible student shall not  
3 exceed ten thousand dollars. The interest rates and terms of deferral  
4 of such loans shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed  
5 loan program established by 20 U.S.C. Sec. 1701 et seq. The period  
6 for repaying the loan principal and interest shall be ten years with  
7 payments accruing quarterly commencing nine months from the date the  
8 borrower graduated. The entire principal and interest of each loan  
9 payment shall be forgiven for each payment period in which the  
10 borrower teaches science or mathematics in a public school in this  
11 state until the entire loan is satisfied or the borrower ceases to  
12 teach science or mathematics at a public school in this state. Should  
13 the borrower cease to teach science or mathematics at a public school  
14 in this state before the time in which the principal and interest on  
15 the loan are satisfied, payments on the unsatisfied portion of the  
16 principal and interest on the loan shall begin the next payment  
17 period and continue until the remainder of the loan is paid.

18 (2) The council is responsible for collection of loans made under  
19 subsection (1) of this section and shall exercise due diligence in  
20 such collection, maintaining all necessary records to insure that  
21 maximum repayments are made. Collection and servicing of loans under  
22 subsection (1) of this section shall be pursued using the full extent  
23 of the law, including wage garnishment if necessary, and shall be  
24 performed by entities approved for such servicing by the Washington  
25 student loan guaranty association or its successor agency. The  
26 council is responsible to forgive all or parts of such loans under  
27 the criteria established in subsection (1) of this section and shall  
28 maintain all necessary records of forgiven payments.

29 (3) Receipts from the payment of principal or interest or any  
30 other subsidies to which the council as lender is entitled, which are  
31 paid by or on behalf of borrowers under subsection (1) of this  
32 section, shall be deposited with the office and shall be used to  
33 cover the costs of making the loans under subsection (1) of this  
34 section, maintaining necessary records, and making collections under  
35 subsection (2) of this section. The office shall maintain accurate  
36 records of these costs, and all receipts beyond those necessary to  
37 pay such costs shall be used to make loans to eligible students.

38 (4) Any funds not used to make loans, or to cover the cost of  
39 making loans or making collections, shall be placed in the state

1 educational trust fund for (~~needy or disadvantaged~~) students who  
2 demonstrate financial need.

3 (5) The council shall adopt necessary rules to implement this  
4 section.

5 **Sec. 15.** RCW 28B.15.820 and 2009 c 215 s 9 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) Each institution of higher education, including technical  
8 colleges, shall deposit a minimum of three and one-half percent of  
9 revenues collected from tuition and services and activities fees in  
10 an institutional financial aid fund that is hereby created and which  
11 shall be held locally. Moneys in the fund shall be used only for the  
12 following purposes: (a) To make guaranteed long-term loans to  
13 eligible students as provided in subsections (3) through (8) of this  
14 section; (b) to make short-term loans as provided in subsection (9)  
15 of this section; (c) to provide financial aid to (~~needy~~) students  
16 who demonstrate financial need as provided in subsection (10) of this  
17 section; or (d) to provide financial aid to students as provided in  
18 subsection (11) of this section.

19 (2) An "eligible student" for the purposes of subsections (3)  
20 through (8) and (10) of this section is a student registered for at  
21 least three credit hours or the equivalent, who is eligible for  
22 resident tuition and fee rates as defined in RCW 28B.15.012 and  
23 28B.15.013, and who is a (~~needy~~) student(~~"~~) who demonstrates  
24 financial need as defined in RCW 28B.92.030.

25 (3) The amount of the guaranteed long-term loans made under this  
26 section shall not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the  
27 student. Each institution shall establish loan terms and conditions  
28 which shall be consistent with the terms of the guaranteed loan  
29 program established by 20 U.S. Code Section 1071 et seq., as now or  
30 hereafter amended. All loans made shall be guaranteed by the  
31 Washington student loan guaranty association or its successor agency.  
32 Institutions are hereby granted full authority to operate as an  
33 eligible lender under the guaranteed loan program.

34 (4) Before approving a guaranteed long-term loan, each  
35 institution shall analyze the ability of the student to repay the  
36 loan based on factors which include, but are not limited to, the  
37 student's accumulated total education loan burdens and the employment  
38 opportunities and average starting salary characteristics of the  
39 student's chosen fields of study. The institution shall counsel the

1 student on the advisability of acquiring additional debt, and on the  
2 availability of other forms of financial aid.

3 (5) Each institution is responsible for collection of guaranteed  
4 long-term loans made under this section and shall exercise due  
5 diligence in such collection, maintaining all necessary records to  
6 insure that maximum repayments are made. Institutions shall cooperate  
7 with other lenders and the Washington student loan guaranty  
8 association, or its successor agency, in the coordinated collection  
9 of guaranteed loans, and shall assure that the guarantability of the  
10 loans is not violated. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-  
11 term loans under this section shall be performed by entities approved  
12 for such servicing by the Washington student loan guaranty  
13 association or its successor agency: PROVIDED, That institutions be  
14 permitted to perform such servicing if specifically recognized to do  
15 so by the Washington student loan guaranty association or its  
16 successor agency. Collection and servicing of guaranteed long-term  
17 loans made by community colleges under subsection (1) of this section  
18 shall be coordinated by the state board for community and technical  
19 colleges and shall be conducted under procedures adopted by the state  
20 board.

21 (6) Receipts from payment of interest or principal or any other  
22 subsidies to which institutions as lenders are entitled, that are  
23 paid by or on behalf of borrowers of funds under subsections (3)  
24 through (8) of this section, shall be deposited in each institution's  
25 financial aid fund and shall be used to cover the costs of making the  
26 guaranteed long-term loans under this section and maintaining  
27 necessary records and making collections under subsection (5) of this  
28 section: PROVIDED, That such costs shall not exceed five percent of  
29 aggregate outstanding loan principal. Institutions shall maintain  
30 accurate records of such costs, and all receipts beyond those  
31 necessary to pay such costs, shall be deposited in the institution's  
32 financial aid fund.

33 (7) The governing boards of the state universities, the regional  
34 universities, and The Evergreen State College, and the state board  
35 for community and technical colleges, on behalf of the community  
36 colleges and technical colleges, shall each adopt necessary rules and  
37 regulations to implement this section.

38 (8) First priority for any guaranteed long-term loans made under  
39 this section shall be directed toward students who would not normally  
40 have access to educational loans from private financial institutions

1 in Washington state, and maximum use shall be made of secondary  
2 markets in the support of loan consolidation.

3 (9) Short-term loans, not to exceed one year, may be made from  
4 the institutional financial aid fund to students enrolled in the  
5 institution. No such loan shall be made to any student who is known  
6 by the institution to be in default or delinquent in the payment of  
7 any outstanding student loan. A short-term loan may be made only if  
8 the institution has ample evidence that the student has the  
9 capability of repaying the loan within the time frame specified by  
10 the institution for repayment.

11 (10) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund  
12 that are not used in making long-term or short-term loans may be used  
13 by the institution for locally administered financial aid programs  
14 for (~~needy~~) students who demonstrate financial need, such as need-  
15 based institutional employment programs or need-based tuition and fee  
16 scholarship or grant programs. These funds shall be used in addition  
17 to and not to replace institutional funds that would otherwise  
18 support these locally administered financial aid programs. First  
19 priority in the use of these funds shall be given to (~~needy~~)  
20 students who demonstrate financial need and have accumulated  
21 excessive educational loan burdens. An excessive educational loan  
22 burden is a burden that will be difficult to repay given employment  
23 opportunities and average starting salaries in the student's chosen  
24 fields of study. Second priority in the use of these funds shall be  
25 given to (~~needy~~) single parents who are students who demonstrate  
26 financial need, to assist these students with their educational  
27 expenses, including expenses associated with child care and  
28 transportation.

29 (11) Any moneys deposited in the institutional financial aid fund  
30 may be used by the institution for a locally administered financial  
31 aid program for high school students enrolled in dual credit  
32 programs. If institutions use funds in this manner, the governing  
33 boards of the state universities, the regional universities, The  
34 Evergreen State College, and the state board for community and  
35 technical colleges shall each adopt necessary rules to implement this  
36 subsection. Moneys from this fund may be used for all educational  
37 expenses related to a student's participation in a dual credit  
38 program including but not limited to tuition, fees, course materials,  
39 and transportation.

1       **Sec. 16.** RCW 28B.108.010 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 191 are each  
2 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

3       Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
4 this section apply throughout this chapter.

5       (1) "Eligible student" or "student" means an American Indian who  
6 is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial need,  
7 as defined in RCW 28B.92.030, who is a resident student, as defined  
8 by RCW 28B.15.012(2), who is a full-time student at an institution of  
9 higher education, and who promises to use his or her education to  
10 benefit other American Indians.

11       (2) "Institution of higher education" or "institution" means a  
12 college or university in the state of Washington which is accredited  
13 by an accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the  
14 council for higher education.

15       (3) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

16       **Sec. 17.** RCW 28B.116.010 and 2013 c 39 s 10 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18       Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
19 this section apply throughout this chapter.

20       (1) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with the  
21 attendance of the institution of higher education as determined by  
22 the office of student financial assistance, including but not limited  
23 to tuition, room, board, and books.

24       (2) "Eligible student" means a student who:

25       (a) Is between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three;

26       (b) Has been in foster care in the state of Washington for a  
27 minimum of six months since his or her fourteenth birthday;

28       (c) Is a (~~financially needy~~) student who demonstrates financial  
29 need, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030;

30       (d) Is a resident student, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2);

31       (e) Has entered or will enter an institution of higher education  
32 in Washington state within three years of high school graduation or  
33 having successfully completed his or her high school equivalency  
34 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536;

35       (f) Is not pursuing a degree in theology; and

36       (g) Makes satisfactory progress towards the completion of a  
37 degree or certificate program.

38       (3) "Institution of higher education" means a college or  
39 university in the state of Washington that is accredited by an

1 accrediting association recognized as such by rule of the student  
2 achievement council.

3 (4) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

4 **Sec. 18.** RCW 28A.180.120 and 2017 c 236 s 4 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 In 2017, funds must be appropriated for the purposes in this  
7 section.

8 (1) The professional educator standards board, beginning in the  
9 2017-2019 biennium, shall administer the bilingual educator  
10 initiative, which is a long-term program to recruit, prepare, and  
11 mentor bilingual high school students to become future bilingual  
12 teachers and counselors.

13 (2) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
14 specific purpose, pilot projects must be implemented in one or two  
15 school districts east of the crest of the Cascade mountains and one  
16 or two school districts west of the crest of the Cascade mountains,  
17 where immigrant students are shown to be rapidly increasing.  
18 Districts selected by the professional educator standards board must  
19 partner with at least one two-year and one four-year college in  
20 planning and implementing the program. The professional educator  
21 standards board shall provide oversight.

22 (3) Participating school districts must implement programs,  
23 including: (a) An outreach plan that exposes the program to middle  
24 school students and recruits them to enroll in the program when they  
25 begin their ninth grade of high school; (b) activities in ninth and  
26 tenth grades that help build student agency, such as self-confidence  
27 and awareness, while helping students to develop academic mind-sets  
28 needed for high school and college success; the value and benefits of  
29 teaching and counseling as careers; and introduction to leadership,  
30 civic engagement, and community service; (c) credit-bearing curricula  
31 in grades eleven and twelve that include mentoring, shadowing, best  
32 practices in teaching in a multicultural world, efficacy and practice  
33 of dual language instruction, social and emotional learning, enhanced  
34 leadership, civic engagement, and community service activities.

35 (4) There must be a pipeline to college using two-year and four-  
36 year college faculty and consisting of continuation services for  
37 program participants, such as advising, tutoring, mentoring,  
38 financial assistance, and leadership.

1 (5) High school and college teachers and counselors must be  
2 recruited and compensated to serve as mentors and trainers for  
3 participating students.

4 (6) After obtaining a high school diploma, students qualify to  
5 receive conditional loans to cover the full cost of college tuition,  
6 fees, and books. To qualify for funds, students must meet program  
7 requirements as developed by their local implementation team, which  
8 consists of staff from their school district and the partnering two-  
9 year and four-year college faculty.

10 (7) In order to avoid loan repayment, students must (a) earn  
11 their baccalaureate degree and certification needed to serve as a  
12 teacher or professional guidance counselor; and (b) teach or serve as  
13 a counselor in their educational service district region for at least  
14 five years. Students who do not meet the repayment terms in this  
15 subsection are subject to repaying all or part of the financial aid  
16 they receive for college unless students are recipients of funding  
17 provided through programs such as the (~~state-need-grant~~) Washington  
18 college promise scholarship program or the college bound scholarship  
19 program.

20 (8) Grantees must work with the professional educator standards  
21 board to draft the report required in section 6, chapter 236, Laws of  
22 2017.

23 (9) The professional educator standards board may adopt rules to  
24 implement this section.

25 **Sec. 19.** RCW 28B.76.502 and 2017 c 177 s 1 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (1) The office must provide a financial aid counseling curriculum  
28 to institutions of higher education with (~~state-need-grant~~)  
29 Washington college promise scholarship recipients. The curriculum  
30 must be available via a web site. The curriculum must include, but  
31 not be limited to:

32 (a) An explanation of the (~~state-need-grant~~) Washington college  
33 promise scholarship program rules, including maintaining satisfactory  
34 progress, repayment rules, and usage limits;

35 (b) Information on campus and private scholarships and work-study  
36 opportunities, including the application processes;

37 (c) An overview of student loan options with an emphasis on the  
38 repayment obligations a student borrower assumes regardless of  
39 program completion, including the likely consequences of default and

1 sample monthly repayment amounts based on a range of student levels  
2 of indebtedness;

3 (d) An overview of personal finance, including basic money  
4 management skills such as living within a budget and handling credit  
5 and debt;

6 (e) Average salaries for a wide range of jobs;

7 (f) Financial education that meets the needs of, and includes  
8 perspectives from, a diverse group of students who are or were  
9 recipients of financial aid, including student loans, who may be  
10 trained by the financial education public-private partnership; and

11 (g) Contact information for local financial aid resources and the  
12 federal student aid ombuds' office.

13 (2) By the 2013-14 academic year, the institution of higher  
14 education must take reasonable steps to ensure that each ((state-need  
15 grant)) Washington college promise scholarship recipient receives  
16 information outlined in subsection (1)(a) through (g) of this section  
17 by directly referencing or linking to the web site on the conditions  
18 of award statement provided to each recipient.

19 (3) By July 1, 2013, the office must disseminate the curriculum  
20 to all institutions of higher education participating in the ((state  
21 need-grant)) Washington college promise scholarship program. The  
22 institutions of higher education may require ((nonstate-need-grant  
23 recipients)) students who are not participating in the Washington  
24 college promise scholarship program to participate in all or portions  
25 of the financial aid counseling.

26 (4) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
27 specific purpose, by the 2017-18 academic year, each institution of  
28 higher education must take reasonable steps to ensure that the  
29 institution presents, and each incoming student participates in, a  
30 financial education workshop. The scope of the workshop must include,  
31 but is not limited to, the information outlined in subsection (1)(b)  
32 through (g) of this section, and include recommendations by the  
33 financial education public-private partnership. The institutions are  
34 encouraged to present these workshops during student orientation or  
35 as early as possible in the academic year.

36 **Sec. 20.** RCW 28B.76.525 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 110 are each  
37 amended to read as follows:

38 (1) The state financial aid account is created in the custody of  
39 the state treasurer. The primary purpose of the account is to ensure

1 that all appropriations designated for financial aid through  
2 statewide student financial aid programs are made available to  
3 eligible students. The account shall be a nontreasury account.

4 (2) The office shall deposit in the account all money received  
5 for the (~~(state need grant)~~) Washington college promise scholarship  
6 program (~~(established under RCW 28B.92.010)~~) created under section 2  
7 of this act, the state work-study program established under chapter  
8 28B.12 RCW, the Washington scholars program established under RCW  
9 28A.600.110, the Washington award for vocational excellence program  
10 established under RCW 28C.04.525, and the educational opportunity  
11 grant program established under chapter 28B.101 RCW. The account  
12 shall consist of funds appropriated by the legislature for the  
13 programs listed in this subsection and private contributions to the  
14 programs. Moneys deposited in the account do not lapse at the close  
15 of the fiscal period for which they were appropriated. Both during  
16 and after the fiscal period in which moneys were deposited in the  
17 account, the office may expend moneys in the account only for the  
18 purposes for which they were appropriated, and the expenditures are  
19 subject to any other conditions or limitations placed on the  
20 appropriations.

21 (3) Expenditures from the account shall be used for scholarships  
22 to students eligible for the programs according to program rules and  
23 policies.

24 (4) Disbursements from the account are exempt from appropriations  
25 and the allotment provisions of chapter 43.88 RCW.

26 (5) Only the director of the office or the director's designee  
27 may authorize expenditures from the account.

28 **Sec. 21.** RCW 28B.76.526 and 2018 c 232 s 10 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 The Washington opportunity pathways account is created in the  
31 state treasury. Expenditures from the account may be used only for  
32 programs in chapter 28A.710 RCW (charter schools), chapter 28B.12 RCW  
33 (state work-study), chapter 28B.50 RCW (opportunity grant), RCW  
34 28B.76.660 (Washington scholars award), RCW 28B.76.670 (Washington  
35 award for vocational excellence), chapter 28B.92 RCW (~~((state need~~  
36 ~~grant))~~) Washington college promise scholarship program), chapter  
37 28B.105 RCW (GET ready for math and science scholarship), chapter  
38 28B.117 RCW (passport to careers), chapter 28B.118 RCW (college bound  
39 scholarship), (~~(chapter 28B.119 RCW (Washington promise~~

1 ~~scholarship~~)) and chapter ~~((43.215))~~ 43.216 RCW (early childhood  
2 education and assistance program).

3 **Sec. 22.** RCW 28B.76.540 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 111 are each  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 In addition to administrative responsibilities assigned in this  
6 chapter, the office shall administer the programs set forth in the  
7 following statutes: RCW 28A.600.100 through 28A.600.150 (Washington  
8 scholars); chapter 28B.85 RCW (degree-granting institutions); chapter  
9 28B.92 RCW ~~((state need grant))~~ Washington college promise  
10 scholarship); chapter 28B.12 RCW (work-study); RCW 28B.15.543  
11 ~~((tuition waivers for Washington scholars))~~ grants for undergraduate  
12 coursework); RCW 28B.15.760 through 28B.15.766 (math and science  
13 loans); RCW 28B.15.100 (reciprocity agreement); RCW 28B.15.730  
14 through 28B.15.734 (Oregon reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.750 and  
15 28B.15.752 (Idaho reciprocity); RCW 28B.15.756 (British Columbia  
16 reciprocity); chapter 28B.101 RCW (educational opportunity grant);  
17 chapter 28B.102 RCW (future teachers conditional scholarship);  
18 chapter 28B.108 RCW (American Indian endowed scholarship); chapter  
19 28B.109 RCW (Washington international exchange scholarship); chapter  
20 28B.115 RCW (health professional conditional scholarship); ~~((chapter~~  
21 ~~28B.119 RCW (Washington promise scholarship))~~) and chapter 28B.133  
22 RCW (gaining independence for students with dependents).

23 **Sec. 23.** RCW 28B.76.699 and 2016 c 233 s 17 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
26 specific purpose, the office shall administer a student teaching  
27 residency grant program to provide additional funds to individuals  
28 completing student teaching residencies at public schools in  
29 Washington.

30 (2) To qualify for the grant, recipients must be enrolled in a  
31 professional educator standards board-approved teacher preparation  
32 program, be completing or about to start a student teaching residency  
33 at a Title I school, and demonstrate financial need, as defined by  
34 the office and consistent with the income criteria required to  
35 receive the ~~((state need grant established))~~ Washington college  
36 promise scholarship created in chapter 28B.92 RCW.

37 (3) The office shall establish rules for administering the grants  
38 under this section.

1       **Sec. 24.** RCW 28B.77.020 and 2015 c 83 s 2 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) Aligned with the state's biennial budget and policy cycles,  
4 the council shall propose educational attainment goals and priorities  
5 to meet the state's evolving needs. The council shall identify  
6 strategies for meeting the goals and priorities by means of a short-  
7 term strategic action plan and a ten-year plan that serves as a  
8 roadmap.

9       (a) The goals must address the needs of Washington residents to  
10 reach higher levels of educational attainment and Washington's  
11 workforce needs for certificates and degrees in particular fields of  
12 study.

13       (b) The council shall identify the resources it deems appropriate  
14 to meet statewide goals and also recognize current state economic  
15 conditions and state resources.

16       (c) In proposing goals, the council shall collaborate with the  
17 superintendent of public instruction, the professional educator  
18 standards board, the state board of education, the state board for  
19 community and technical colleges, the four-year institutions of  
20 higher education, independent colleges and degree-granting  
21 institutions, certificate-granting institutions, and the workforce  
22 training and education coordinating board.

23       (2) The council shall update the strategic action plan every two  
24 years with the first strategic action plan to be submitted to the  
25 governor and the legislature by December 1, 2012. The ten-year  
26 roadmap must be updated every two years with the first roadmap to be  
27 submitted to the governor and the legislature by December 1, 2013.  
28 The council must provide regular updates to the joint higher  
29 education committee created in RCW 44.04.360 as needed.

30       (3) In order to develop the ten-year roadmap, the council shall  
31 conduct strategic planning in collaboration with agencies and  
32 stakeholders and include input from the legislature. The council must  
33 also consult with the STEM education innovation alliance established  
34 under RCW 28A.188.030 in order to align strategies under the roadmap  
35 with the STEM framework for education and accountability developed by  
36 the alliance. The roadmap must encompass all sectors of higher  
37 education, including secondary to postsecondary transitions. The  
38 roadmap must outline strategies that address:

1 (a) Strategic planning, which includes setting benchmarks and  
2 goals for long-term degree production generally and in particular  
3 fields of study;

4 (b) Expanding access, affordability, quality, efficiency, and  
5 accountability among the various institutions of higher education;

6 (c) Higher education finance planning and strategic investments  
7 including budget recommendations necessary to meet statewide goals;

8 (d) System design and coordination;

9 (e) Improving student transitions;

10 (f) Higher education data and analysis, in collaboration with the  
11 education data center, which includes outcomes for recruitment,  
12 retention, and success of students;

13 (g) College and career access preparedness, in collaboration with  
14 the office of the superintendent of public instruction and the state  
15 board of education;

16 (h) Expanding participation and success for racial and ethnic  
17 minorities in higher education;

18 (i) Development and expansion of innovations in higher education  
19 including innovations to increase attainment of postsecondary  
20 certificates, and associate, baccalaureate, graduate, and  
21 professional degrees; and innovations to improve precollege education  
22 in terms of cost-effectiveness and transitions to college-level  
23 education;

24 (j) Strengthening the education pipeline and degree production in  
25 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields, and  
26 aligning strategies under the roadmap with the STEM framework for  
27 action and accountability developed under RCW 28A.188.030; and

28 (k) Relevant policy research.

29 (4) As needed, the council must conduct system reviews consistent  
30 with RCW 28B.77.080.

31 (5) The council shall facilitate the development and expansion of  
32 innovative practices within, between, and among the sectors to  
33 increase educational attainment and assess the effectiveness of the  
34 innovations.

35 (6) The council shall use the data and analysis produced by, and  
36 in consultation with, the education data center created in RCW  
37 43.41.400 in developing policy recommendations and proposing goals.  
38 In conducting research and analysis the council at a minimum must:

1 (a) Identify barriers to increasing educational attainment,  
2 evaluate effectiveness of various educational models, identify best  
3 practices, and recommend methods to overcome barriers;

4 (b) Analyze data from multiple sources including data from  
5 academic research and from areas and agencies outside of education  
6 including but not limited to data from the department of health, the  
7 department of corrections, and the department of social and health  
8 services to determine best practices to remove barriers and to  
9 improve educational attainment;

10 (c) Assess educational achievement disaggregated by income level,  
11 age, gender, race and ethnicity, country of origin, and other  
12 relevant demographic groups working with data from the education data  
13 center;

14 (d) Track progress toward meeting the state's goals;

15 (e) Communicate results and provide access to data analysis to  
16 policymakers, the superintendent of public instruction, institutions  
17 of higher education, students, and the public; and

18 (f) Use data from the education data center wherever appropriate  
19 to conduct duties in (a) through (e) of this subsection.

20 (7) The council shall collaborate with the appropriate state  
21 agencies and stakeholders, including the state board of education,  
22 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the state  
23 board for community and technical colleges, the workforce training  
24 and education coordinating board, and the four-year institutions of  
25 higher education to improve student transitions and success including  
26 but not limited to:

27 (a) Setting minimum college admission standards for four-year  
28 institutions of higher education, including:

29 (i) A requirement that coursework in American sign language or an  
30 American Indian language satisfies any requirement for instruction in  
31 a language other than English that the council or the institutions  
32 may establish as a general undergraduate admissions requirement; and

33 (ii) Encouragement of the use of multiple measures to determine  
34 whether a student must enroll in a precollege course, such as  
35 placement tests, the SAT, high school transcripts, college  
36 transcripts, or initial class performance;

37 (b) Proposing comprehensive policies and programs to encourage  
38 students to prepare for, understand how to access, and pursue  
39 postsecondary college and career programs, including specific  
40 policies and programs for students with disabilities;

1 (c) Recommending policies that require coordination between or  
2 among sectors such as dual high school-college programs, awarding  
3 college credit for advanced high school work, and transfer between  
4 two and four-year institutions of higher education or between  
5 different four-year institutions of higher education; and

6 (d) Identifying transitions issues and solutions for students,  
7 from high school to postsecondary education including community and  
8 technical colleges, four-year institutions of higher education,  
9 apprenticeships, training, or workplace education; between two-year  
10 and four-year institutions of higher education; and from  
11 postsecondary education to career. In addressing these issues the  
12 council must recognize that these transitions may occur multiple  
13 times as students continue their education.

14 (8) The council directs the work of the office, which includes  
15 administration of student financial aid programs under RCW  
16 28B.76.090, including the ((state need grant)) Washington college  
17 promise scholarship and other scholarships, the Washington advanced  
18 college tuition payment program, and work-study programs.

19 (9) The council may administer state and federal grants and  
20 programs including but not limited to those programs that provide  
21 incentives for improvements related to increased access and success  
22 in postsecondary education.

23 (10) The council shall protect higher education consumers  
24 including:

25 (a) Approving degree-granting postsecondary institutions  
26 consistent with existing statutory criteria;

27 (b) Establishing minimum criteria to assess whether students who  
28 attend proprietary institutions of higher education shall be eligible  
29 for the ((state need grant)) Washington college promise scholarship  
30 and other forms of state financial aid.

31 (i) The criteria shall include retention rates, completion rates,  
32 loan default rates, and annual tuition increases, among other  
33 criteria for students who receive ((state need grant as)) the  
34 Washington college promise scholarship in chapter 28B.92 RCW and any  
35 other state financial aid.

36 (ii) The council may remove proprietary institutions of higher  
37 education from eligibility for the ((state need grant)) Washington  
38 college promise scholarship or other form of state financial aid if  
39 it finds that the institution or college does not meet minimum  
40 criteria.

1 (iii) The council shall report by December 1, 2014, to the joint  
2 higher education committee in RCW 44.04.360 on the outcomes of  
3 students receiving (~~state need grants~~) Washington college promise  
4 scholarships, impacts on meeting the state's higher education goals  
5 for educational attainment, and options for prioritization of the  
6 (~~state need grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship and  
7 possible consequences of implementing each option. When examining  
8 options for prioritizing the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college  
9 promise scholarship the council shall consider awarding (~~grants~~)  
10 scholarships based on need rather than date of application and making  
11 awards based on other criteria selected by the council.

12 (11) The council shall adopt residency requirements by rule.

13 (12) The council shall arbitrate disputes between and among four-  
14 year institutions of higher education and the state board for  
15 community and technical colleges at the request of one or more of the  
16 institutions involved, or at the request of the governor, or from a  
17 resolution adopted by the legislature. The decision of the council  
18 shall be binding on the participants in the dispute.

19 (13) The council may solicit, accept, receive, and administer  
20 federal funds or private funds, in trust, or otherwise, and contract  
21 with foundations or with for-profit or nonprofit organizations to  
22 support the purposes and functions of the council.

23 (14) The council shall represent the broad public interest above  
24 the interests of the individual institutions of higher education.

25 **Sec. 25.** RCW 28B.117.020 and 2018 c 232 s 3 are each amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
28 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

29 (1) "Apprentice" means a person enrolled in a state-approved,  
30 federally registered, or reciprocally recognized apprenticeship  
31 program.

32 (2) "Apprenticeship" means an apprenticeship training program  
33 approved or recognized by the state apprenticeship council or similar  
34 federal entity.

35 (3) "Cost of attendance" means the cost associated with attending  
36 a particular institution of higher education as determined by the  
37 office, including but not limited to tuition, fees, room, board,  
38 books, personal expenses, and transportation, plus the cost of  
39 reasonable additional expenses incurred by an eligible student and

1 approved by a financial aid administrator at the student's school of  
2 attendance.

3 (4) "Federal foster care system" means the foster care program  
4 under the federal unaccompanied refugee minors program, Title 8  
5 U.S.C. Sec. 1522 of the immigration and nationality act.

6 (5) "Financial need" means the difference between a student's  
7 cost of attendance and the student's total family contribution as  
8 determined by the method prescribed by the United States department  
9 of education.

10 (6) "Homeless" or "homelessness" means without a fixed, regular,  
11 and adequate nighttime residence as set forth in the federal  
12 McKinney-Vento homeless assistance act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 11301 et seq.

13 (7) "Independent college or university" means a private,  
14 nonprofit institution of higher education, open to residents of the  
15 state, providing programs of education beyond the high school level  
16 leading to at least the baccalaureate degree, and accredited by the  
17 Northwest association of schools and colleges, and other institutions  
18 as may be developed that are approved by the student achievement  
19 council as meeting equivalent standards as those institutions  
20 accredited under this section.

21 (8) "Institution of higher education" means any institution  
22 eligible to and participating in the (~~state need grant~~) Washington  
23 college promise scholarship program.

24 (9) "Occupational-specific costs" means the costs associated with  
25 entering an apprenticeship or preapprenticeship, including but not  
26 limited to fees, tuition for classes, work clothes, rain gear, boots,  
27 occupation-specific tools.

28 (10) "Office" means the office of student financial assistance.

29 (11) "Preapprenticeship" means an apprenticeship preparation  
30 program recognized by the state apprenticeship council and as defined  
31 in RCW 28C.18.162.

32 (12) "Program" means the passport to careers program created in  
33 this chapter.

34 (13) "State foster care system" means out-of-home care pursuant  
35 to a dependency and includes the placement of dependents from other  
36 states who are placed in Washington pursuant to orders issued under  
37 the interstate compact on the placement of children, chapter 26.34  
38 RCW.

39 (14) "Tribal court" has the same meaning as defined in RCW  
40 13.38.040.

1 (15) "Tribal foster care system" means an out-of-home placement  
2 under a dependency order from a tribal court.

3 (16) "Unaccompanied" means a youth or young adult experiencing  
4 homelessness while not in the physical custody of a parent or  
5 guardian.

6 **Sec. 26.** RCW 28B.118.010 and 2018 c 204 s 1 and 2018 c 12 s 1  
7 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

8 The office of student financial assistance shall design the  
9 Washington college bound scholarship program in accordance with this  
10 section and in alignment with the (~~state need grant~~) Washington  
11 college promise scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW unless  
12 otherwise provided in this section.

13 (1) "Eligible students" are those students who:

14 (a) Qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. If a student  
15 qualifies in the seventh grade, the student remains eligible even if  
16 the student does not receive free or reduced-price lunches  
17 thereafter;

18 (b) Are dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and:

19 (i) In grade seven through twelve; or

20 (ii) Are between the ages of eighteen and twenty-one and have not  
21 graduated from high school; or

22 (c) Were dependent pursuant to chapter 13.34 RCW and were adopted  
23 between the ages of fourteen and eighteen with a negotiated adoption  
24 agreement that includes continued eligibility for the Washington  
25 state college bound scholarship program pursuant to RCW 74.13A.025.

26 (2) Eligible students and the students' parents or guardians  
27 shall be notified of the student's eligibility for the Washington  
28 college bound scholarship program beginning in the student's seventh  
29 grade year. Students and the students' parents or guardians shall  
30 also be notified of the requirements for award of the scholarship.

31 (3) (a) To be eligible for a Washington college bound scholarship,  
32 a student eligible under subsection (1) (a) of this section must sign  
33 a pledge during seventh or eighth grade that includes a commitment to  
34 graduate from high school with at least a C average and with no  
35 felony convictions. The pledge must be witnessed by a parent or  
36 guardian and forwarded to the office of student financial assistance  
37 by mail or electronically, as indicated on the pledge form.

38 (b) (i) Beginning in the 2018-19 academic year, the office of  
39 student financial assistance shall make multiple attempts to secure

1 the signature of the student's parent or guardian for the purpose of  
2 witnessing the pledge.

3 (ii) If the signature of the student's parent or guardian is not  
4 obtained, the office of student financial assistance may partner with  
5 the school counselor or administrator to secure the parent's or  
6 guardian's signature to witness the pledge. The school counselor or  
7 administrator shall make multiple attempts via all phone numbers,  
8 email addresses, and mailing addresses on record to secure the  
9 parent's or guardian's signature. All attempts to contact the parent  
10 or guardian must be documented and maintained in the student's  
11 official file.

12 (iii) If a parent's or guardian's signature is still not  
13 obtained, the school counselor or administrator shall indicate to the  
14 office of student financial assistance the nature of the unsuccessful  
15 efforts to contact the student's parent or guardian and the reasons  
16 the signature is not available. Then the school counselor or  
17 administrator may witness the pledge unless the parent or guardian  
18 has indicated that he or she does not wish for the student to  
19 participate in the program.

20 (c) A student eligible under subsection (1)(b) of this section  
21 shall be automatically enrolled, with no action necessary by the  
22 student or the student's family, and the enrollment form must be  
23 forwarded by the department of social and health services to the  
24 office of student financial assistance by mail or electronically, as  
25 indicated on the form.

26 (4)(a) Scholarships shall be awarded to eligible students  
27 graduating from public high schools, approved private high schools  
28 under chapter 28A.195 RCW, or who received home-based instruction  
29 under chapter 28A.200 RCW.

30 (b)(i) To receive the Washington college bound scholarship, a  
31 student must graduate with at least a "C" average from a public high  
32 school or an approved private high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW  
33 in Washington or have received home-based instruction under chapter  
34 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony convictions, and must be a resident  
35 student as defined in RCW 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e). A student  
36 who is eligible to receive the Washington college bound scholarship  
37 because the student is a resident student under RCW 28B.15.012(2)(e)  
38 must provide the institution, as defined in RCW 28B.15.012, an  
39 affidavit indicating that the individual will file an application to  
40 become a permanent resident at the earliest opportunity the

1 individual is eligible to do so and a willingness to engage in any  
2 other activities necessary to acquire citizenship, including but not  
3 limited to citizenship or civics review courses.

4 (ii) For eligible children as defined in subsection (1)(b) and  
5 (c) of this section, to receive the Washington college bound  
6 scholarship, a student must have received a high school equivalency  
7 certificate as provided in RCW 28B.50.536 or have graduated with at  
8 least a "C" average from a public high school or an approved private  
9 high school under chapter 28A.195 RCW in Washington or have received  
10 home-based instruction under chapter 28A.200 RCW, must have no felony  
11 convictions, and must be a resident student as defined in RCW  
12 28B.15.012(2) (a) through (e).

13 For a student who does not meet the "C" average requirement, and  
14 who completes fewer than two quarters in the running start program,  
15 under chapter 28A.600 RCW, the student's first quarter of running  
16 start course grades must be excluded from the student's overall grade  
17 point average for purposes of determining their eligibility to  
18 receive the scholarship.

19 (5) A student's family income will be assessed upon graduation  
20 before awarding the scholarship.

21 (6) If at graduation from high school the student's family income  
22 does not exceed sixty-five percent of the state median family income,  
23 scholarship award amounts shall be as provided in this section.

24 (a) For students attending two or four-year institutions of  
25 higher education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016, the value of the award  
26 shall be (i) the difference between the student's tuition and  
27 required fees, less the value of any state-funded grant, scholarship,  
28 or waiver assistance the student receives; (ii) plus five hundred  
29 dollars for books and materials.

30 (b) For students attending private four-year institutions of  
31 higher education in Washington, the award amount shall be the  
32 representative average of awards granted to students in public  
33 research universities in Washington or the representative average of  
34 awards granted to students in public research universities in  
35 Washington in the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

36 (c) For students attending private vocational schools in  
37 Washington, the award amount shall be the representative average of  
38 awards granted to students in public community and technical colleges  
39 in Washington or the representative average of awards granted to

1 students in public community and technical colleges in Washington in  
2 the 2014-15 academic year, whichever is greater.

3 (7) Recipients may receive no more than four full-time years'  
4 worth of scholarship awards.

5 (8) Institutions of higher education shall award the student all  
6 need-based and merit-based financial aid for which the student would  
7 otherwise qualify. The Washington college bound scholarship is  
8 intended to replace unmet need, loans, and, at the student's option,  
9 work-study award before any other grants or scholarships are reduced.

10 (9) The first scholarships shall be awarded to students  
11 graduating in 2012.

12 (10) The state of Washington retains legal ownership of tuition  
13 units awarded as scholarships under this chapter until the tuition  
14 units are redeemed. These tuition units shall remain separately held  
15 from any tuition units owned under chapter 28B.95 RCW by a Washington  
16 college bound scholarship recipient.

17 (11) The scholarship award must be used within five years of  
18 receipt. Any unused scholarship tuition units revert to the  
19 Washington college bound scholarship account.

20 (12) Should the recipient terminate his or her enrollment for any  
21 reason during the academic year, the unused portion of the  
22 scholarship tuition units shall revert to the Washington college  
23 bound scholarship account.

24 **Sec. 27.** RCW 28B.118.090 and 2015 c 244 s 6 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 (1) Beginning January 1, 2015, and at a minimum every year  
27 thereafter, the student achievement council and all institutions of  
28 higher education eligible to participate in the college bound  
29 scholarship program shall ensure data needed to analyze and evaluate  
30 the effectiveness of the college bound scholarship program is  
31 promptly transmitted to the education data center created in RCW  
32 43.41.400 so that it is available and easily accessible. The data to  
33 be reported should include but not be limited to:

34 (a) The number of students who sign up for the college bound  
35 scholarship program in seventh or eighth grade;

36 (b) The number of college bound scholarship students who graduate  
37 from high school;

38 (c) The number of college bound scholarship students who enroll  
39 in postsecondary education;

1 (d) Persistence and completion rates of college bound scholarship  
2 recipients disaggregated by institutions of higher education;  
3 (e) College bound scholarship recipient grade point averages;  
4 (f) The number of college bound scholarship recipients who did  
5 not remain eligible and reasons for ineligibility;  
6 (g) College bound scholarship program costs; and  
7 (h) Impacts to the (~~state need grant~~) Washington college  
8 promise scholarship program.

9 (2) Beginning May 12, 2015, and at a minimum every December 1st  
10 thereafter, the student achievement council shall submit student unit  
11 record data for the college bound scholarship program applicants and  
12 recipients to the education data center.

13 **Sec. 28.** RCW 28B.133.010 and 2013 c 248 s 4 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 The educational assistance grant program for students with  
16 dependents is hereby created, subject to the availability of receipts  
17 of gifts, grants, or endowments from private sources. The program is  
18 created to serve financially needy students with dependents eighteen  
19 years of age or younger, by assisting them directly through a grant  
20 program to pursue a degree or certificate at public or private  
21 institutions of higher education, as defined in RCW 28B.92.030(4) (a)  
22 and (b) (i) and (ii), that participate in the (~~state need grant~~)  
23 Washington college promise scholarship program.

24 **Sec. 29.** RCW 28B.133.020 and 2004 c 275 s 73 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 To be eligible for the educational assistance grant program for  
27 students with dependents, applicants shall: (1) Be residents of the  
28 state of Washington; (2) be needy students as defined in RCW  
29 28B.92.030(~~(3)~~); (3) be eligible to participate in the (~~state need~~  
30 ~~grant~~) Washington college promise scholarship program as set forth  
31 under (~~RCW 28B.92.080~~) chapter 28B.92 RCW; and (4) have dependents  
32 eighteen years of age or younger who are under their care.

33 **Sec. 30.** RCW 28B.145.010 and 2018 c 254 s 9, 2018 c 209 s 6, and  
34 2018 c 114 s 2 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

35 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
36 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

37 (1) "Board" means the opportunity scholarship board.

1 (2) "Council" means the student achievement council.

2 (3) "Eligible advanced degree program" means a health  
3 professional degree program beyond the baccalaureate level and  
4 includes graduate and professional degree programs.

5 (4) "Eligible county" has the same meaning as "rural county" as  
6 defined in RCW 82.14.370 and also includes any county that shares a  
7 common border with Canada and has a population of over one hundred  
8 twenty-five thousand.

9 (5) "Eligible education programs" means high employer demand and  
10 other programs of study as determined by the board.

11 (6) "Eligible expenses" means reasonable expenses associated with  
12 the costs of acquiring an education such as tuition, books,  
13 equipment, fees, room and board, and other expenses as determined by  
14 the program administrator in consultation with the council and the  
15 state board for community and technical colleges.

16 (7) "Eligible school district" means a school district of the  
17 second class as identified in RCW 28A.300.065(2).

18 (8) "Eligible student" means a resident student who received his  
19 or her high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate as  
20 provided in RCW 28B.50.536 in Washington and who:

21 (a) (i) Has been accepted at a four-year institution of higher  
22 education into an eligible education program leading to a  
23 baccalaureate degree;

24 (ii) Will attend a two-year institution of higher education and  
25 intends to transfer to an eligible education program at a four-year  
26 institution of higher education;

27 (iii) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education  
28 into a professional-technical degree program in an eligible education  
29 program; (~~(e)~~)

30 (iv) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into  
31 a professional-technical certificate program in an eligible education  
32 program; or

33 (v) Has been accepted at an institution of higher education into  
34 an eligible advanced degree program and has agreed to the service  
35 obligation established by the board;

36 (b) Declares an intention to obtain a professional-technical  
37 certificate, professional-technical degree, (~~(e)~~) baccalaureate  
38 degree(~~(f)~~), or an advanced degree; and

1 (c) Has a family income at or below one hundred twenty-five  
2 percent of the state median family income at the time the student  
3 applies for an opportunity scholarship.

4 (9) "Gift aid" means financial aid received from the federal Pell  
5 grant, the ~~((state—need—grant))~~ Washington college promise  
6 scholarship program in chapter 28B.92 RCW, the college bound  
7 scholarship program in chapter 28B.118 RCW, the opportunity grant  
8 program in chapter 28B.50 RCW, the opportunity scholarship program in  
9 this chapter, or any other state grant, scholarship, or worker  
10 retraining program that provides funds for educational purposes with  
11 no obligation of repayment. "Gift aid" does not include student  
12 loans, work-study programs, the basic food employment and training  
13 program administered by the department of social and health services,  
14 or other employment assistance programs that provide job readiness  
15 opportunities and support beyond the costs of tuition, books, and  
16 fees.

17 (10) "High employer demand program of study" has the same meaning  
18 as provided in RCW 28B.50.030.

19 (11) "Participant" means an eligible student who has received a  
20 scholarship under the opportunity scholarship program.

21 (12) "Professional-technical certificate" means a program as  
22 approved by the state board for community and technical colleges  
23 under RCW 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of  
24 higher education.

25 (13) "Professional-technical degree" means a program as approved  
26 by the state board for community and technical colleges under RCW  
27 28B.50.090(7)(c), that is offered by an institution of higher  
28 education.

29 (14) "Program administrator" means a private nonprofit  
30 corporation registered under Title 24 RCW and qualified as a tax-  
31 exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue  
32 code.

33 (15) "Resident student" has the same meaning as provided in RCW  
34 28B.15.012.

35 (16) "Rural jobs program" means the rural county high employer  
36 demand jobs program created in this chapter.

37 (17) "Service obligation" means an obligation by the participant  
38 to be employed in a service obligation area in the state for a  
39 specific period to be established by the board.

1 (18) "Service obligation area" means a location that meets one of  
2 the following conditions:

3 (a) Has been designated by the council as an eligible site under  
4 the health professional conditional scholarship program established  
5 under chapter 28B.115 RCW;

6 (b) Serves at least forty percent uninsured or medicaid enrolled  
7 patients;

8 (c) Is located in a rural county as defined in RCW 82.14.370 and  
9 serves a combination of uninsured, medicaid enrolled patients, and  
10 medicare enrolled patients, equal to at least forty percent of the  
11 practice location's total patients; or

12 (d) Serves a public agency, nonprofit organization, or local  
13 health jurisdiction as defined in RCW 43.70.575 by providing public  
14 health services necessary to preserve, protect, and promote the  
15 health of the state's population, as determined by the board after  
16 consultation with the department of health.

17 **Sec. 31.** RCW 28B.145.030 and 2018 c 209 s 8, 2018 c 204 s 2, and  
18 2018 c 114 s 4 are each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

19 (1) The program administrator shall provide administrative  
20 support to execute the duties and responsibilities provided in this  
21 chapter, including but not limited to publicizing the program,  
22 selecting participants for the opportunity scholarship award,  
23 distributing opportunity scholarship awards, and achieving the  
24 maximum possible rate of return on investment of the accounts in  
25 subsection (2) of this section, while ensuring transparency in the  
26 investment decisions and processes. Duties, exercised jointly with  
27 the board, include soliciting funds and setting annual fund-raising  
28 goals. The program administrator shall be paid an administrative fee  
29 as determined by the board.

30 (2) With respect to the opportunity scholarship program, the  
31 program administrator shall:

32 (a) Establish and manage (~~three separate~~) the specified  
33 accounts created in (b) of this subsection, into which to receive  
34 grants and contributions from private sources as well as state  
35 matching funds, and from which to disburse scholarship funds to  
36 participants;

37 (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private  
38 sources, via direct payment, pledge agreement, or escrow account, of  
39 private sources for deposit into any of the (~~three~~) specified

1 accounts created in this subsection (2)(b) upon the direction of the  
2 donor and in accordance with this subsection (2)(b):

3 (i) The "scholarship account," whose principal may be invaded,  
4 and from which scholarships must be disbursed for baccalaureate  
5 programs beginning no later than December 1, 2011, if, by that date,  
6 state matching funds in the amount of five million dollars or more  
7 have been received. Thereafter, scholarships shall be disbursed on an  
8 annual basis beginning no later than May 1, 2012, and every October  
9 1st thereafter;

10 (ii) The "student support pathways account," whose principal may  
11 be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for  
12 professional-technical certificate or degree programs in the fiscal  
13 year following appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter,  
14 scholarships shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

15 (iii) The "advanced degrees pathways account," whose principal  
16 may be invaded, and from which scholarships may be disbursed for  
17 eligible advanced degree programs in the fiscal year following  
18 appropriations of state matching funds. Thereafter, scholarships  
19 shall be disbursed on an annual basis;

20 (iv) The "endowment account," from which scholarship moneys may  
21 be disbursed for baccalaureate programs from earnings only in years  
22 when:

23 (A) The state match has been made into both the scholarship and  
24 the endowment account; and

25 (B) The state appropriations for the ~~((state—need—grant))~~  
26 Washington college promise scholarship under ~~((RCW—28B.92.010))~~  
27 chapter 28B.92 RCW meet or exceed state appropriations for the  
28 ~~((state—need—grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship made in  
29 the 2011-2013 biennium, adjusted for inflation, and eligibility for  
30 ~~((state—need—grant))~~ Washington college promise scholarship  
31 recipients is at least seventy percent of state median family income;

32 (v) An amount equal to at least fifty percent of all grants and  
33 contributions must be deposited into the scholarship account until  
34 such time as twenty million dollars have been deposited into the  
35 scholarship account, after which time the private donors may  
36 designate whether their contributions must be deposited to the  
37 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the  
38 advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment account(~~(s)~~). The  
39 board and the program administrator must work to maximize private  
40 sector contributions to ~~((the—scholarship—account,—the—student~~

1 ~~support pathways account, the advanced degrees pathways account, and~~  
2 ~~the endowment account,))~~ these accounts to maintain a robust  
3 scholarship program while simultaneously building the endowment, and  
4 to determine the division between the (~~scholarship, the student~~  
5 ~~support pathways, the advanced degrees pathways, and the endowment~~)  
6 accounts in the case of undesignated grants and contributions, taking  
7 into account the need for a long-term funding mechanism and the  
8 short-term needs of families and students in Washington. The first  
9 five million dollars in state match, as provided in RCW 28B.145.040,  
10 shall be deposited into the scholarship account and thereafter the  
11 state match shall be deposited into the (~~three~~) specified accounts  
12 created in this subsection (2)(b) in equal proportion to the private  
13 funds deposited in each account, except that no more than one million  
14 dollars in state match shall be deposited into the advanced degrees  
15 pathways account in a single fiscal biennium; and

16 (vi) Once moneys in the opportunity scholarship match transfer  
17 account are subject to an agreement under RCW 28B.145.050(5) and are  
18 deposited in the scholarship account, the student support pathways  
19 account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the endowment  
20 account under this section, the state acts in a fiduciary rather than  
21 ownership capacity with regard to those assets. Assets in the  
22 scholarship account, the student support pathways account, the  
23 advanced degrees pathways account, and the endowment account are not  
24 considered state money, common cash, or revenue to the state;

25 (c) Provide proof of receipt of grants and contributions from  
26 private sources to the council, identifying the amounts received by  
27 name of private source and date, and whether the amounts received  
28 were deposited into the scholarship account, the student support  
29 pathways account, the advanced degrees pathways account, or the  
30 endowment account(~~(s)~~);

31 (d) In consultation with the council and the state board for  
32 community and technical colleges, make an assessment of the  
33 reasonable annual eligible expenses associated with eligible  
34 education programs and eligible advanced degree programs identified  
35 by the board;

36 (e) Determine the dollar difference between tuition fees charged  
37 by institutions of higher education in the 2008-09 academic year and  
38 the academic year for which an opportunity scholarship is being  
39 distributed;

1 (f) Develop and implement an application, selection, and  
2 notification process for awarding opportunity scholarships;

3 (g) Determine the annual amount of the opportunity scholarship  
4 for each selected participant. The annual amount shall be at least  
5 one thousand dollars or the amount determined under (e) of this  
6 subsection, but may be increased on an income-based, sliding scale  
7 basis up to the amount necessary to cover all reasonable annual  
8 eligible expenses as assessed pursuant to (d) of this subsection, or  
9 to encourage participation in professional-technical certificate  
10 programs, professional-technical degree programs, ((~~or~~))  
11 baccalaureate degree programs, or eligible advanced degree programs  
12 identified by the board;

13 (h) Distribute scholarship funds to selected participants. Once  
14 awarded, and to the extent funds are available for distribution, an  
15 opportunity scholarship shall be automatically renewed as long as the  
16 participant annually submits documentation of filing both a free  
17 application for federal student aid (FAFSA) and for available federal  
18 education tax credits including, but not limited to, the American  
19 opportunity tax credit, or if ineligible to apply for federal student  
20 aid, the participant annually submits documentation of filing a state  
21 financial aid application as approved by the office of student  
22 financial assistance; and until the participant withdraws from or is  
23 no longer attending the program, completes the program, or has taken  
24 the credit or clock hour equivalent of one hundred twenty-five  
25 percent of the published length of time of the participant's program,  
26 whichever occurs first;

27 (i) Notify institutions of scholarship recipients who will attend  
28 their institutions and inform them of the terms of the students'  
29 eligibility;

30 (j) Establish a required service obligation for participants  
31 enrolled in an eligible advanced degree program, and establish a  
32 process for verifying a participant's employment in a service  
33 obligation area; and

34 (k) Establish a repayment obligation and appeals process for  
35 participants who serve less than the required service obligation,  
36 unless the program administrator determines the circumstances are  
37 beyond the participant's control. If the participant is unable to pay  
38 the repayment obligation in full, the participant may enter into  
39 payment arrangements with the program administrator. The program  
40 administrator is responsible for the collection of repayment

1 obligations on behalf of participants who fail to complete their  
2 service obligation.

3 (3) With respect to the opportunity expansion program, the  
4 program administrator shall:

5 (a) Assist the board in developing and implementing an  
6 application, selection, and notification process for making  
7 opportunity expansion awards; and

8 (b) Solicit and accept grants and contributions from private  
9 sources for opportunity expansion awards.

10 **Sec. 32.** RCW 28C.18.166 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 242 are each  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 On an annual basis, each opportunity internship consortium shall  
13 provide the board with a list of the opportunity internship graduates  
14 from the consortium. The board shall compile the lists from all  
15 consortia and shall notify the office of student financial assistance  
16 of the eligibility of each graduate on the lists to receive a ((state  
17 need grant)) Washington college promise scholarship under chapter  
18 28B.92 RCW if the graduate enrolls in a postsecondary program of  
19 study within one year of high school graduation.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 33.** The following acts or parts of acts are  
21 each repealed:

22 (1) RCW 28B.92.010 (State need grant program established—Purpose)  
23 and 2014 c 1 s 1, 2004 c 275 s 34, 1999 c 345 s 2, 1993 sp.s. c 18 s  
24 2, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 7;

25 (2) RCW 28B.92.020 (State need grant program—Findings—Intent)  
26 and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 158, 2003 c 19 s 11, & 1999 c 345 s 1;

27 (3) RCW 28B.92.050 (Powers and duties of office) and 2011 1st  
28 sp.s. c 11 s 161, 1999 c 345 s 4, 1989 c 254 s 3, & 1969 ex.s. c 222  
29 s 11;

30 (4) RCW 28B.92.060 (State need grant awards) and 2012 c 229 s  
31 558;

32 (5) RCW 28B.92.080 (Eligibility for state need grant) and 2015 c  
33 121 s 1, 2012 c 229 s 605, 2009 c 238 s 9, 2007 c 404 s 1, 2004 c 275  
34 s 39, 1999 c 345 s 6, 1989 c 254 s 5, & 1969 ex.s. c 222 s 13;

35 (6) RCW 28B.92.082 (Enhanced need grants—Eligibility) and 2012 c  
36 229 s 560 & 2009 c 215 s 3;

1           (7) RCW 28B.92.084 (Eligibility of opportunity internship  
2 graduates) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 163 & 2009 c 238 s 8;  
3           (8) RCW 28B.119.005 (Intent—Finding) and 2002 c 204 s 1;  
4           (9) RCW 28B.119.010 (Program design—Parameters) and 2013 c 39 s  
5 12, 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 231, 2004 c 275 s 60, 2003 c 233 s 5, &  
6 2002 c 204 s 2;  
7           (10) RCW 28B.119.020 (Implementation and administration) and 2011  
8 1st sp.s. c 11 s 232 & 2002 c 204 s 3;  
9           (11) RCW 28B.119.030 (Funding for state need grant program not  
10 impaired) and 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 233, 2004 c 275 s 71, & 2002 c  
11 204 s 4;  
12           (12) RCW 28B.119.040 (Requirements for students receiving home-  
13 based instruction not affected) and 2002 c 204 s 5;  
14           (13) RCW 28B.119.050 (Washington promise scholarship account) and  
15 2011 1st sp.s. c 11 s 234 & 2002 c 204 s 6; and  
16           (14) RCW 28B.119.900 (Effective date—2002 c 204) and 2002 c 204 s  
17 9.

18           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 34.** Sections 1 through 4 and 7 through 33 of  
19 this act take effect July 1, 2021.

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